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PREFACE TO REVISED EDITION

IN preparing a new edition of Fellowship Prayers some changes have been made in arrangement, a few of the prayers in the earlier edition have been omitted, and some new ones have been added. The greater number of these will be found in the section entitled "Prayers for Association Occasions." It has been difficult to select from the wealth of material available both within the Association itself and in other sources, and the desire that the book should remain of pocket size has compelled the omission of prayers that many perhaps will wish might have been included. Mrs. Dickinson has been most generous in giving the committee entire freedom in the task of revision and also most helpful in her suggestions regarding the revision, which she read in manuscript.

ANNA V. RICE

PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION

DAVID Livingston, pleading for prayers and verse in small compass, brings forward the old-time petition of one "quha glaidlie wald carie ane thin buik that can not easilie carie the hail Psalmes," and he asks that it be "of esie price."

This little "buik of esie price" is sent out in the hope that it may encourage women who are working together for the kingdom of God in the use of more intimate speech with the Great Companion on public occasions.

In some of these prayers there are to be recognized phrases uttered by his personal friends of many centuries, but so absorbed as heart language that it has become impossible to ascribe them to their original sources.

Through these gathered orisons may there be established new fellowship with the heavenly Father, whom to know is life eternal.

SARAH TRUSLOW DICKINSON

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SOLEMNIZE the thoughts of our hearts, O God, as we address ourselves, this morning, to the realities of life. Make us say what we mean, and mean what we say, when we pray—

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our

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Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer

THE Lord's name be praised for the work we are enabled to do, and the truth we are permitted to learn; for whatever of good there has been in our past lives, and for all the hopes and aspirations which lead us on toward better things; for the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and bounty of the world; . . . for all the comforts and gladness of life; for our homes and all our home blessings; for our friends and all the pleasures of social intercourse; . . . for the desire and power to help others; for every opportunity of

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serving our generation according to thy will, and manifesting the grace of Christ to men; for all the discipline of life; for the tasks and trials by which we are trained to patience, self-knowledge and self-conquest, and brought into closer sympathy with our suffering brethren; and for troubles that have lifted us nearer Thee, and drawn us into deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Richard Roberts

 **MOST** merciful Father, who hast blessed the labors of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for thy bounty, beseeching Thee to continue thy loving-kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase to thy glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer

 **WE** thank Thee for our inheritance in the nation of which we are members, for the land we love; for the calling and privileges of the Republic, for the enrichment of mutual interest and

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service, for exchange of thought, for brotherly emulation, for mutual aid. We thank Thee for the gifts of the past and the hope of the future; for the noble traditions and high ideals committed to our charge; for civil and religious liberty; for the open Bible, and the inviolable conscience; for the gospel of thy grace; for the awakening sense of brotherhood and social obligation; and for the hope of the coming of thy kingdom. *Amen.*

Richard Roberts

ALmighty God, merciful heavenly Father, we come before Thee today as did the leper who was healed, to bring thanks for thy mercy. Even as ten received thy grace, but only one returned to give thanks, so we have ten times received of thy goodness and but once rendered thanks to Thee. For day by day and hour by hour we live and breathe in the midst of thy blessings. We pray Thee, Lord, make us to be not forgetful of thy grace but to have ever-grateful hearts.

For us Thou didst create the universe and rule over all things; for us Thou didst send thy beloved

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Son into the world to give his life, to accept death. When we are dull, Thou dost enlighten us; when in trouble, Thou dost comfort us; when in sin, Thou dost save us; when we miss the road, Thou dost lead us aright, and give us comfort of body and mind. Thy grace is as high as the heavens and as deep as the earth, beyond the compass of our praise.

For all this, we bring Thee thanks with all our hearts, in the name of Jesus. *Amen.*

Dr. Ch'eng Ching Yi

II

OF PENITENCE AND CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But

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thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer

 GOD, who wast and art, and art to come, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; age after age the living seek Thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance, and rested on thy compassion; still to their children be Thou the cloud by day, the fire by night. In our manifold temptations, Thou alone knowest and art ever nigh; in sorrow, thy pity revives the fainting soul; in our prosperity and ease, it is thy spirit only that can wean us from our pride and keep us low. O Thou sole source of peace and righteousness, take now the veil from every

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heart, and join us in one communion with thy prophets and saints who have trusted in Thee, and were not ashamed. Not of our worthiness, but of thy tender mercy, hear our prayer. *Amen.*

Source unknown

 GOD, whose nature and property it is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble confessions:—for our fretful sufferance of wrong; . . . for our intolerance, injustice and uncharitableness; for our readiness to blame and our want of thoughtfulness, patience, kindness and sympathy in our social relations; for all the goodness of life which we have received thanklessly; for the strength which we have wasted; for the gifts we have not cultivated; for the opportunities which we have neglected; . . . for our selfish comfort amid the wrongs, oppressions and sorrows of life; for our undue and exclusive regard to our own interests; for our lack of brotherhood and neglect of the service of humanity—have mercy upon us, O Lord. *Amen.*

Richard Roberts

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OF PETITION

COLLECTS FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and to do, always, such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

COLLECTS

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, Fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking, we beseech Thee to

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have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

DIRECT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

GOD, Light of the hearts that see Thee, Life of the souls that love Thee, Strength of the thoughts that seek Thee, from whom to turn away is to fall, to whom to turn is to rise, in whom to abide is to stand fast forever, vouchsafe to us the knowledge of thy presence, as we gather here to turn to Thee, to set our purposes and our faces for another week toward that Light and Life and Strength. Grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that

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we may desire earnestly, search wisely, perceive truly, and fulfil perfectly, those things that are pleasing in thy sight. *Amen.*

Book of Common Worship

 GOD, the God of all goodness and grace, who art worthy of a greater love than we can either give or understand, fill our hearts, we beseech Thee, with such love toward Thee as may cast out all wrath and fear, that nothing may seem too hard for us to do or suffer in obedience to Thee; and grant that by thus loving, we may become daily more like unto Thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which Thou hast promised to those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Book of Offices

 MOST loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee, and to cast all our care on Thee who carest for us, preserve us from faithless fears

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and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which Thou hast manifested unto us in thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Book of Offices

FATHER of light, by whose hands the fires of the sun are fed; who hast kindled in our hearts the desire to know; we bless Thee for leading us into a life wherein light and darkness are wonderfully mingled. On our knees we would learn to think. Standing on our feet we would learn to pray. O Thou in whose Being the simplicity and mystery of life do meet together, cleanse our prayers with the sanctity of reason, ennoble our reasonings with the majesty of prayer, and bring us onward through darkness and through light, till, in thy presence, and before our eyes, the power that made the stars and the love that exalts our hearts shall kiss each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Book of Offices

MMERCIFUL God, whom to know is life eternal and whom to praise is man's chief joy, give us grace, we beseech Thee, to be truly thankful for thy manifold mercies, and grant that we employ all thy gifts to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Book of Offices

ALMIGHTY God, who art the only Source of health and healing, the Spirit of calm, and the central Peace of the universe, grant to us, thy children, such a consciousness of thy indwelling presence as may give us utter confidence in Thee. In all pain and weariness and anxiety may we throw ourselves upon thy besetting care, that, knowing ourselves fenced about by thy loving omnipotence, we may permit Thee to give us health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 OUR heavenly Father, we come to thank Thee for thy many mercies, and invoke thy protection and guidance for all the way of life. We rejoice that we may know Thee and love Thee and serve Thee and be like Thee. Grant us grace to please Thee in all that we think and plan and do. Help us to live in such fellowship with Thee that Thou canst not only dwell in us, but work through us. Help us to share our blessings with others, and to find in our privileges an obligation to minister to those who need what we have. Bestow upon us strength for our daily tasks; courage in the face of fears; comfort in sorrow; quiet in the midst of tumult; hope in the presence of uncertainty; high motives for humble as well as high deeds; self-control in the hour of provocation; gentleness and forgiveness when tempted to revenge; and the peace which passeth all understanding. Hold in thy holy care all our loved ones, and keep guard over our interests in life. Give us to see the speedy coming of thy kingdom among all men, and let us have an increasing share in its establishment. Fill our hearts with songs of expectation, and flood our

faces with morning light, and when the day is done let the weariness of work make welcome the rest of home; we beg in our Redeemer's name. *Amen.*

James I. Vance

 GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light riseth up in darkness for the godly; grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what Thou wouldst have us to do; that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in thy light we may see light, and in thy straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 THOU, who art the God of all comfort, draw near to us today. We hear Thee bid us lift up our hearts, and we would lift them up unto Thee, O Lord. Thou dost know us altogether, and we are unafraid as thy loving eye reads our secret thoughts. As a father pitieth his children, so dost Thou pity us; and as one whom his mother comforteth, so dost Thou comfort us. We are at

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rest because Thou forgivest us; we are made strong because Thou abidest with us. In this confidence in Thee help us to live. By this faith help us to endure whatever may threaten to destroy our peace. Whom have we, O Lord, but Thee? Into thy hands we commit ourselves for life, and for that which lies beyond our mortal vision; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Charlotte Adams

JESUS, who didst touch the leper,
Deliver us from antipathies;
Who didst eat with them who washed not before
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Deliver us from fastidiousness;
Who didst condone inhospitality,
Deliver us from affront taking;
Who wouldst not promise the right hand or the
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Deliver us from favoritism;
Who, having called didst recall Peter,
Deliver us from soreness;

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Who didst love active Martha and contemplative
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Deliver us from respect of persons.

Deliver us while it is called today,
Thou who givest today,
And promisest not tomorrow.

Christina Rossetti

 GOD, who hast given us the great gift of life, help us to see the meaning of it. Thou hast given us bodies and urgent needs and lively pleasures. Help us to understand and keep thy laws for these quickened tenements. Thou hast given us minds perplexed and eager, minds that will not, can not, know rest apart from Thee. Help us to seek ceaselessly until we see Thee in history, in human life; until we see Thee and the working of thy Name of Love under and through our human failures and thwartings. But thy greatest gift, our Father, is the life of the spirit. We ignore, we misuse, we dim this flame. Help us to know it as the sharing of thy life. May body and mind be for

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it fit channels. May it be our passion to fulfil this life, its meaning, through the glory of life in Christ Jesus, who is Way, Truth and Life. *Amen.*

Emma Bailey Speer

SANCTIFY, O Lord, our souls and bodies and spirits; and touch our apprehensions, and search out our consciences, and cast out of us every evil thought, every base desire, all envy, and pride, and hypocrisy; all falsehood, all deceit, all remembrance of injuries; all malice, all anger—every motive of flesh and spirit contrary to thy holy will. And grant us, O Lord, Lover of men, to call upon Thee with freedom, without shame or confusion of face, with a pure heart and contrite soul, and with sanctified lips, boldly. *Amen.*

Bishop Joscelyne

FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD

LET the earth and the water, the air and the fruits of my country be sweet, my God.

Let the home and marts, the forests and fields of my country be full, my God.

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Let the promises and hopes, the deeds and words of my country be true, my God.

Let the lives and the hearts of the sons and daughters of my country be one, my God. *Amen.*

Rabindranath Tagore

THOU, who art no respecter of persons, grant that we may, without distinction and without procrastination, love our neighbor; lavishing it upon the poor, where it is very easy; especially upon the rich, who often need it most; most of all upon our equals, where it is very difficult and for whom perhaps we each do least of all. May we also think thy thoughts after Thee and learn of Thee the democracy of the kingdom of God.

Amen.

Henry Drummond (adapted)

LORD of Hosts, help us to do our small part toward the closing of the chasm between the strong and the weak, the rich and the poor; to cast into it all pride, and prejudice, luxury and lust, envy, and covetousness, the insolence of riches and

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the rancor of poverty; that we may fill it full and make a highway for our Leader to pass over, and for all the people to walk in together. So may we establish the Republic and build in America the Holy City. This we ask in the name of Him who maketh men to be of one mind in an house; who giveth integrity to states; who confoundeth the tongues of foolish counselors; Brother of man and Desire of the nations, Jesus, the Christ. *Amen.*

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 MASTER of the hearts of men, make us to be ill-content with any peace save that of our Saviour, who won his peace, after He had made the world's ills his own. Hold us back when, in our vulgar pride, we would go apart from the path and life of the lowly. As our Saviour made the carpenter's shop his school and from it passed to the perfection of Calvary, so may we keep ourselves close to the lives of the great body of men, and pass through things common into the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 THOU Holy One, . . . forgive, we pray Thee, our sins against the spirit of peace and brotherhood, by thought or word or deed. Forgive the sins of the nations. Forgive the sin of Christendom against the spirit and temper of its Divine Master; for his sake, who loved us and taught us to love one another. *Amen.*

Calendar, Church of the Epiphany

 GOD, who hast made of one blood all the nations of mankind, so that all are children and members one of another, how is it that we are so slow to trace the family likeness, so reluctant to claim our common kinship? We pray Thee, O our God, to make the peoples one.

We pray for the Church of Christ, so broken, scattered and dismembered that none would think we followed all one Lord, and held a common faith. Purge away the vanity, intolerance, and unforgiving spirit which keep us far apart. May the seamless robe not be utterly rent, nor the body any longer broken.

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We pray that since man's need is one, we all may find the one way to Thee, the one God. Forbid that in our highest things we should find fellowship impossible. May the spirit of Christ break down all barriers and answer the desire of all nations.

We pray for a union so deep and universal that it shall gather all within one fold: those who pray and those who cannot; those whose faith is firm, and those whose doubt is slow to clear. May we never be content with aught that excludes another from the fulness of thy grace, a single soul from the welcome of thy heart. *Amen.*

W. E. Orchard

HELP us, O God, to believe in and practice, moment by moment, thy presence with us, through Jesus Christ. To be serene in the consciousness of thy power as it works in natural and spiritual law. To bear no ill toward any soul, but a positive good will toward people, especially those who are naturally repulsive to us or those for whom we have a prejudice. To rid ourselves of prejudice

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and to put in its place tolerance. To see and remember in people the good and not the bad. To replace within ourselves the spirit of criticism with the spirit of service. To approve heartily; never to be a dissenter, unless principle demands. Never to be a fault-finder. To put ourselves in harmony with God's law of life and the order of nature. To do our best to help other people to accomplish and to achieve, knowing that their contribution is what God is trying to give the world. *Amen.*

Florence Simms

 GOD, King of kings, all nations of the earth belong to Thee, all who wield power in government are beneath thy rule. Today is our national holiday, and we come before Thee with special prayers for our native land. We thank Thee that through the rise and fall of many nations Thou hast established and protected this land, and brought it to this day of change and renewal. Purify us, we pray, and cleanse us from bribery and lawlessness, from self-seeking and all stain of evil traffic. Unite us, we pray; keep us from divisions

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and party strife, to be of one heart and mind to seek the welfare of the nation. Renew us, we pray; take away the faults of deadness and indifference; revive our spirit and expand the glory of our nation. Preserve us, we pray; make our citizens value peace and avoid strife, so that our ancient love of peace may shine through the whole earth, and be a foundation for world brotherhood. Even more, we pray, save our country from the bondage of sin and evil, that high and low may with one mind follow Christ; with righteousness for their armor and virtue their only weapon. Brothers within the four seas and one family under heaven, making friends of people and an enemy of sin, our country a part of our Lord's kingdom of heaven, is the prayer of hearts on our national holiday, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. *Amen.*

Dr. Ch'eng Ching Yi (adapted)



GOD, help us to see clearly the task of Christianity, which is to strive for the great beauty of righteousness, not for our individual lives alone, but for our social life as well. Strengthen

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our belief that the world can become righteous. Give us the courage to bear our share in the great adventure of making a society in which people are placed first. May we be fearless and steadfast in our purpose to test all the systems of our day by the measure in which they contribute to or interfere with that end. Help us to a new grasp of the challenge that this ideal of Christianity gives to the world, and to a new dedication of our lives to the working out of the next steps toward its realization.

Florence Simms (adapted)

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FOR ASSOCIATION OCCASIONS

COMMITTEE, STAFF AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, vouchsafe unto us who now seek to draw near unto Thee the help of thy Holy Spirit, that we may worship Thee with lowly, penitent and obedient hearts; that all those things may

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please Thee that we do at this time, and that by our prayers and thoughts we may be strengthened to make our whole life an offering pure and acceptable in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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G ALMIGHTY God, give to thy servants meek and gentle spirits, that they may be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath. Give them wise and constant hearts, that they may never be moved to intemperate anger for any injury done or offered to them. Lord, let us ever be courteous, easy to be entreated, and desirous to be reconciled. Let no sickness or accident, no employment or weariness, make us ungente or discontented, . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Jeremy Taylor

GRANT that no word may fall from me against my will unfit for the present need.

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ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who fillest all space, whom nevertheless no space can contain, from Thee, as the source of all things, we have our being; to Thee, as the end of all things, we draw near. We acknowledge that every good and perfect gift is from above. May thy blessing, therefore, descend upon us, thy servants, who apply ourselves to our work. . . . Inspire us in our enterprises, help on our endeavors, promote our designs, purify our minds that yearn to know themselves and Thee. Be present with us and direct such works as we undertake in dependence on Thee and devote to thy honor. O Father of lights, give us discernment to know the truth. O Father of spirits, give us courage to uphold what we know to be true. O Prince of peace, grant us wisdom to labor for peace, to uproot evil, to worship Thee with one heart . . . through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.* *Source unknown*

MAKE us of quick and tender conscience, O Lord, that understanding, we may obey every word of thine this day, and discerning, may

follow every suggestion of thine indwelling Spirit. Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* *Christina Rossetti*

P MOST loving Jesus, Pattern of charity, who makest all the commandments of the law to consist in love towards God and towards man, grant us so to love Thee with all our heart, with all our mind, and all our soul, and our neighbor for thy sake, that the grace of charity and brotherly love may dwell in us, and all envy, harshness, and ill will may die in us. Fill our hearts with feelings of love, kindness, and compassion, so that by constantly rejoicing in the happiness and good success of others, by sympathizing with them in their sorrows, and putting away all harsh judgments and envious thoughts, we may follow Thee, who art Thyself the true and perfect Love. *Amen.*

Book of Offices

LORD, these things we would do: succeed, live well, laugh often, love much, gain the respect of intelligent men, and the love of little children, and leave the world a bit better than we found it. May we never lack appreciation of the beauty about

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us or fail to express it; and always look for the best in others, and give to others the best we have in us: that thus, in some sense, our lives may be an inspiration and our memory a benediction. *Amen.*

James Martineau

THOU art not weary of our prayers—let us not be weary of praying. Let us talk with Thee and listen to thy answers to our speech, as friend talks with friend, in intimate discussion and closest confidence. Oh, our Great Companion, enter the very heart of our life with the sense of thy nearness and loving friendship, that no intimacy of earth may seem nearer, nor any lack Thee in the closest ties of family. Though we are so unworthy, Thou hast delivered ourselves to our own care, as if to say: “I had no fitter to trust than you.” May we accept such trust, in wonder of affection toward Thee, who wilt give grace to us, that we may honor thy belief in our best selves. Give us to live greatly, with free spirit and deep joy, because we are beyond any doubt the children of God, and the loved companions of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Sarah Truslow Dickinson

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 GOD, Inspirer and Teacher of men, who art the truth Thou lovest, send out thy light and illumine us. Give us a deep and clear knowledge of ourselves; help us to a growing knowledge of our world; confirm in us the holiness of true reason; strengthen in us the aspiration towards noble and spacious thinking . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Henry S. Nash

 MASTER-BUILDER, in this great city of thine there is much work to be done and we ask Thee to use us, who come before Thee this day. We see many evil places that should be torn down and rebuilt for safe living; waste places that should be made fruitful; and opportunities for new building of character. We are appalled at our own littleness, until we turn our eyes to thy greatness. Give us, we beseech Thee, strength and wisdom for the planning now before us; may we have large comprehension, and keen insight, and courage from thy companionship in work. Teach us to know what we should do and how it should be done. Give us, we pray, more workers to share our

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burdens, more givers of thy riches in trust. Use us, that we may be in thy great plan—nor left alone to our own small doing; use us, that we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of Thee, whom to know is life eternal. *Amen.*

Sarah Truslow Dickinson

GIVE to us, every one, the “preparedness of the gospel of peace,” that lifting power that makes the most of adversity; that invincible love that voluntarily overspreads and saturates the necessary; that surplus tenderness and unwearied willingness to overpass all boundaries, so that the sting of compulsion is gone. May we have that supernally divine sense that never discovers limits to love in our horizons, so exhaustless in its willingness to serve with unstinted, superabundant heartiness that work and duty are glorified privilege, all blessings large with thy favor, all trials meaningful with purpose. May the surprises of kindness carry us beyond obligation to the second mile of unmeasured love and service, not only to those we love but to all the peoples of the earth. *Amen.*

Harry Emerson Fosdick

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GOD, the Sovereign Good of the soul, (who requirest the hearts of all thy children,) deliver us from all sloth in thy work, all coldness in thy cause; and grant us by looking unto Thee to rekindle our love, and by waiting upon Thee to renew our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

William Bright

WE pray Thee for that which we most deeply want, we open to Thee the realities of our heart and seek the blessing most sincerely desired—to know the will of God and to do it. Make us open-minded to good, free from the curse of conceit; may we stop and let Thee speak to us, asking for the grace of Jesus Christ. May we keep the soil of life soft, its sympathy tender. Keep our souls in training, O great Physician, ready for the strain and effort of life; not the slave of circumstance; bearing with incompleteness, working not for temporary results but for permanent achievement. May there be more considerateness in our daily life, a natural and spontaneous self-forget-

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fulness, a free and generous offering of uncalled-for kindness. May we keep room for God, and give to others the message given to us by Thee.

Amen.

Francis G. Peabody

 GOD, the Father of the forsaken, the Help of the weak, the Supplier of the needy, who hast diffused and proportioned thy gifts to body and soul in such sort that all may acknowledge and perform the joyous duty of mutual service; who teachest us that love towards the race of men is the bond of perfectness, and the imitation of thy blessed Self; open our eyes and touch our hearts, that we may see and do, both for this world and for that which is to come, the things which belong to our peace. Strengthen us in the work we have undertaken; give us counsel and wisdom, perseverance, faith and zeal; and in thine own good time, and according to thy pleasure, prosper the issue. Pour into us a spirit of humility; let nothing be done but in devout obedience to thy will, and thankfulness for thine unspeakable mercies. *Amen.*

The Earl of Shaftsbury

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OUR Father! Thou knowest us, thy children, better than we know ourselves. Thou knowest our essential weaknesses and our potential strengths. Give, we pray Thee, thy fatherly correction to what is wrong in us and in our work; and nerve us with the indwelling Spirit to make ourselves and our endeavors worthy of Thee, by whose Name we are called. Enlarge our horizons, that we may see beyond the present plans into futures glowing with beauty and beneficence. May we ever press forward—our hands clinging to thy leading hand, our ears listening to thy voice, hour by hour, day after day, and our eyes looking forward into thy face, that we may reflect the glory of thy presence with us. *Amen.*

Sarah Truslow Dickinson

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WE are here this morning, women of many interests, moods and minds. Help us to be expectant in our attitude to one another. Thou art our Father, and thy fatherly heart must be seeing us as we are, better or worse, as it may be, than we

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appear to be to each other; but with the seeing eye, that only a Father's love possesses.

Thou seest not only our weaknesses but our wistful impulses to be good; our shy and timid efforts to express these impulses.

Forbid that we, in turn, by our lack of responsiveness, should help to make these same impulses in others fruitless.

We would be more hospitable, more receptive. Help us to keep open house in our hearts, not today only, but continuously, all through the year to come. Thou dost come in the guise of thy children everywhere, and we cannot afford to miss thy visitation.

Forgive us once again. We ask it of Thee for our inhospitality, and help us to keep our resolves.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Mabel Cratty

DEAR heavenly Father, we are filled with wonder that Thou hast left a part of the creation of thy children to us. With awe we realize that what we do often determines whether they

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love Thee or are able to do thy work. May we always keep so close to Thee that we are alert to catch thy purpose for them. Help us continuously to study the laws of the mind and of learning, so that we may profit by all that is known of the way in which character grows.

Once more we dedicate ourselves, dear Father, to guiding thy children, so that they may be able to bring in thy kingdom.

Dorothy D. Barbour

MAY God, from whom steadfastness and courage come, give you such harmony with one another in following the example of Jesus Christ that you may praise God with one accord and one voice.

Mabel Cratty

Θ THOU Eternal, in whose appointment our life standeth, Thou hast committed our work to us, and we would commit our cares to Thee. May we feel that we are not our own, and that Thou wilt heed our wants, while we are intent

upon thy will. May we never dwell carelessly or say in our hearts: "I am here, and there is none over me," nor anxiously, as though our path were hid; but with a mind simply fixed upon our trust, and choosing nothing but the dispositions of thy Providence. More and more fill us with that pity for others' troubles which comes from forgetfulness of our own and the glad hope of children of eternity. And unto Thee, the Beginning and the End, Lord of the living, Refuge of the dying, be thanks and praise forever. *Amen.*

James Martineau

GIVE us this day a collected mind and a tender conscience, we who are called Christians, associated for thy service in many lines of work. We pray Thee to preserve us from mistakes in judgment; and wilt Thou also preserve us from letting slip the lessons we learn; and from unguarded words. O Lord, make us to care more for the souls of others, for their spiritual lives. We are thy stewards of all that Thou hast given us; make us faithful stewards, that we may not misuse thy

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gifts, nor waste time, nor our Master's goods, nor forget Thee. We are bound to serve Thee; help us to serve Thee truly, and cause thy service to be a delight to us. Give us more earnest and steadfast desire to bring others to Thee; no half-service, but our best. Increase our faith; and thus may our hearts be untroubled and not afraid, as we undertake for Thee, O our God. *Amen.*

Francis Bourtilon

WE bring to Thee, O God, as is most justly due, our lives in every relation, . . . in forbearance and forgiveness, in the bearing of one another's burdens, in mutual loyalty, in the unity of the spirit, in love of one another even as Christ hath loved us; in assurance of being accepted in common cause against the powers of evil; in readiness to bear the cross; in a solemn devotion and an abounding joy in Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Richard Roberts

MAY we be still, and know that Thou art God. Teach us, we pray Thee, to listen. Teach us to think, that we may be ready to receive the

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great ideas Thou wouldst have thy messengers understand. May we know when Thou art offering us thy wisdom, thy discretion, thy way of service, to the accomplishment of the needs of thy children. Give us that sense of thy working in the souls of men and waiting to "invade their lives through ideals" as shall be a revelation to us. Reveal thyself to us through the Bible, and help us to read much and to think more, and to love most. Give us to see what Thou dost open to us: heal our blind eyes and our deaf ears and open our hearts to thy message, that we shall always hear the music of thy promises. Give us "supreme spiritual quietude" that knows and hears thy voice, O our Father, and is content. *Amen.*

Sarah Truslow Dickinson

 OUR Father, as we meet to decide upon details of work, upon adjustments of petty import, may we not lose the sense of larger service nor ignore the great issues in the fret of small things. May we live as on a mountain, seeing afar to other heights that we would attain in fresh as-

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cents toward the heaven above. Let it be given us to bring back to the trail the lost children who have wandered off; and with helping hand and fellowship complete, to lead them ever higher, until the lure of the climb keep them on the upward way.

Amen.

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 GOD, we would especially ask thy presence and guidance for this great undertaking, pleading thy promise that if in all our ways we acknowledge Thee, Thou wilt direct our paths. With Thee we dare large plans, without Thee not one step of our way. Thou art more ready to give than we are to ask, therefore we ask Thee to open the hearts of those in this city who do not yet give toward the needs of girlhood, that they may see a new light, and joy in service; open the hearts and the hands of these girls, that they be ready to receive life more abundantly in the spirit of Christ.

Amen.

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YOUCHSAFE unto us clear and distinct perceptions of things, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A Chain of Prayer

AS we look across the vast field of our work, O Master, we feel the challenge of thy call and turn to Thee for strength. So much to do for Thee, and so little wherewith to do it!

O Christ, Thou who art touched with a feeling of our infirmities and hast been tempted even as we, look with thy great sympathy on thy servants. Thou knowest the drain of our daily work and the limitations of our bodies. Thou knowest that we carry but a little candle of knowledge to guide the feet of the erring amid the mazes of modern life. Thou knowest that our longing for holiness of heart is frustrated by the drag of our earthliness and the weight of ancient sins.

Fit us for our work, lest we fail Thee. We lean on Thee, Thou great giver of life, and pray for physical vigor and quiet strength. We call to Thee, Thou fountain of light, to flood our minds with thy radiance and to make all things clear and sim-

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ple. We submit our inmost desires to thy holy will, and beseech Thee to make thy law sweet to our willing hearts.

Give, Lord, what Thou askest, and then ask what Thou wilt. We make our prayer, O God, by faith in Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch

THOU who hast set eternity in our hearts, give us power to see the infinite reaches of the human spirit, the limitless achievement of human lives. Stir our imaginations, that we may fully see the eager of heart who are reaching out to lay swift hold of life. Because of our love of life, may we understand their haste; because of our high evaluation of it, may we make ready to guide them in their choice of the things for which they will exchange their lives. Enlarge the capacity of our sympathies, that we may understand youth. Let their wonder find renewal in us; let their courage find reënforcement, let their loyalty find direction, let their powers find release in our freedom. Let

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us make adequate provision for youth. Free us from pettiness of thought and smallness of plan.

God of the infinite purpose, Maker of the infinite spaces, fulfil thy glory in our living. Let us never be done with growing. *Amen.*

Abbie Graham

A PRAYER FOR EMPLOYED OFFICERS

 God, in whom we all are one, and one with Thee, hear us as we pray for ourselves, and for the others in this great sisterhood beloved of Thee; this sisterhood on whom the sun never sets in its course, some of whom we love having not seen, and some because we have seen them and know them: beloved of Thee not for our own righteousness but according to thine own mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. To Thee, who art the source of light and wisdom, we bring our offering of thanksgiving, remembering that hitherto Thou hast helped us, and that thy holiness and righteousness and love are inexhaustible.

Thou who didst send forth thine only Son when the fulness of time had come, grant us to be equally

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conscious of our commission from Thee in hours of active challenge or of depressing indifference.

Thou who didst appoint the meek to inherit the earth, reveal to us daily that it is not thy will that we should insistently seek good from others, or ostentatiously offer good to others, but that we should humbly strive to represent Jesus Christ to others, knowing that if He be lifted up He will draw all unto Him.

Thou who didst manifest Thyself as the Son of Man, help us to realize that the group is greater than the individual, yet that thy kingdom is attained only through our personal likeness to Thee. If any of us have standards so high or so low that we are ashamed to betray them to others, grant that through the Spirit of God we may attain unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. If this requires renewed effort or renunciation, recall to us that we have willingly taken upon ourselves the burdens of those for whom also Christ has died.

Thou who dost hold in thy hand the lives of all who shall be affected by our actions this day, aid us in coming to such decisions, such language, such

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thoughts, such contacts, as will make it easier for each one of them to live a Christlike life because of the part each one of us employed officers plays this day.

Thou who art able to bestow patience and courage and understanding of life and lives, forgive the inertness which hinders our fresh attack on old problems or the brave acceptance of new ones, and let us go out to meet difficulties squarely and honestly, not trusting in our own strength or wisdom or spirit, but in his who saw the joy that was set before Him when he became the Captain of our faith.

Thus we seek thy blessing in his name. *Amen.*

Elizabeth Wilson

 OUR Father, God:

As members of an earnest group, within a world-wide fellowship, we would draw near to Thee this day.

We praise Thee for the beauty of thy world; for the inspiration and enjoyment which we receive through this ever-marvelous expression of Thyself.

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We praise Thee for the light of the knowledge of thy glory which shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

We praise Thee for human companionships, and for the peculiar ties of friendship and purposes which unite us in our common endeavors.

We praise Thee for the happy incidents of our service together; for speech and song; for work and play; for worship and the significance of personality in our mutual achievements.

We praise Thee that other thousands of girls and women of many races and nations are finding a like companionship, and joining hands and hearts with us in a world-wide effort to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God.

We pray Thee that with renewed consecration we may undertake this united task, keeping ever before us the example of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who "came not to be ministered unto but to minister"; bringing all our talents and abilities into subjection to his holy will, and seeking with new understanding and love the present and future good of the whole human family, that we

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may have "power on this dark world to lighten it and power on this dead world to make it live." In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask it. *Amen.*

Sallie L. Hanna

HOLY Father, we thank Thee for thy great expectations toward us. Thou dost desire us to be perfect, even as Thou, Father, art perfect. We pray Thee so to build our characters that we may gradually become perfect. Enable us in our daily use of prayer and scripture to find true joy and deep interest. Help us to cultivate our spiritual life in quiet, and to show the results of our quiet self-cultivation in action. May we combine in one, quietness and action, glory to God and blessing to man. Again we beseech Thee, increase our knowledge, in body make us strong, that we may bear the great weight of our responsibilities. *Amen.*

Sung Tsen Chih

MOST holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess in thy presence all our shortcomings and offenses against Thee. Have pity

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upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased Thee. Hear us as we pray thy forgiveness for all carelessness and sloth, for all unfaithfulness, and lack of effort by which our work's success has been qualified or hampered; for all lack of courage to endeavor, or lack of sacrifice to carry on high undertakings in his name; for all neglect of inward communion with our Lord even while our hands were busy on outward tasks to serve Him; for all failure to minister to the abiding spiritual needs of women even while we have done many deeds of kindness; for all substitution of busyness for spiritual power, and activity for convincing Christlikeness. And grant, we beseech Thee, that we may henceforth live in thy light and walk in thy ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

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FATHER of lights, from whose unshadowed home above comes every good and perfect gift, for all that Thou dost give us through our fellowship together,

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We bring Thee grateful thanks.

That Thou hast not placed each of us in a separate and lonely world of her own, that Thou hast not given each of us a solitary task to be performed but hast bestowed upon us the privilege of companionship and the joy of sharing in a common work,

We bring Thee grateful thanks.

For all the ways in which our lives are linked together—through work and play, through shared adventures and common difficulties, through mutual friendliness and sympathy and understanding, through common aspiration and common purpose,

We bring Thee grateful thanks.

For the faith in one another which sustains us in perplexity, strengthens us in weakness, and falters not even when we fail and stumble,

We bring Thee grateful thanks.

For the hope that in success or failure, in prosperity or hardship, in good repute or ill, our loyalty to one another and to Thee may grow ever deeper and more steadfast,

We bring Thee grateful thanks.

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For the love which unites us, shining through the common tasks of common days, comforting us in discouragement and disappointment, so binding us together that if one suffers all suffer, if one is honored all rejoice,

We bring Thee grateful thanks.

For those of our fellowship whom our eyes no longer see, our hands no longer touch, but whose memories are forever dear and whose lives are an abiding and living force among us,

We bring Thee grateful thanks.

That as we face the new and unknown year Thou wilt draw us yet closer to one another and to Thee, that we may together explore its days with adventurous spirits and courageous and expectant hearts,

We earnestly pray Thee.

That we may not fail one another through desire ever to have our own way in all things, through overconfidence in our own ideas or through dislike of criticism, through jealousy or envy, through sensitiveness for self or thoughtlessness of others, through love of unkind gossip or through

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unworthy ambition, but that we may rather serve one another in love unshadowed and unmarred by stain of self,

We earnestly pray Thee.

That there may be none lonely or hungry of heart among us, none who bear heavy burdens of sorrow or anxiety unshared, but that Thou wilt grant to each of us a greater capacity for love and a richer consciousness of being loved,

We earnestly pray Thee.

That Thou Thyself wilt be the constant Companion of our souls, the Strength of our weakness, the Wisdom of our foolishness, the Triumph of our failures, the changeless Unity in our changing days,

We humbly beseech Thee.

That Thou wilt use us, each of us and all of us, in every place and at every time, in our planning and our effort, in our labor, in our leisure, when we are separated and when we are together,

We humbly beseech Thee.

That our fellowship in a common purpose may be used of Thee to the blessing of women through-

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out the world, and to the bringing in of that day of peace and righteousness when there shall be one family of one Father eternal,

We humbly beseech Thee.

Hear us as we consecrate ourselves anew in the words our Master taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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 GOD, we praise thy holy Name, for Thou hast brought us from afar, drawn together by the splendor of thy kingdom, to take counsel for thy work. Be with us through all the strain of the days that are before us. . . . Give us vision beyond the range of worldly prudence, and by thy wisdom

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make us wise, lest all our planning be futile. If difficulties confront us, give us the courageous faith that bids the mountains melt away. Smite a pathway even across the impassable sea for thy people. Hush all spirit of contention and self-will. Make us peaceful through love and through the unity of our desire. May this gathering set the standard of our Lord high up, where in coming years we may see it and take courage to fulfil the vows we here make. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch

ETERNAL God, Father of all souls, we pray for all women, both in this and in other countries, who long for light and freedom; for all those who toil with hand and brain, that all their work may be done with courage, justice and kindliness; for our own movement, that delivered from the dangers of class prejudice, race pride, religious bigotry, we may know the will of the Lord for our generation and may serve Him with unfaltering hearts.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

 LIVING Lord, able and willing to help, we thank Thee that in all our perplexities Thou art with us to lead us through them. . . . So often Thou leadest us in ways that seem strange to us, guiding us a long way around when to us the direct way had seemed the more beautiful and even the more service-filled for Thee. . . . Yet always, knowing our weakness, Thou leadest us in thine own time to a high place, whence looking backward we see our road and cry with thankful hearts, "Hitherto hast Thou helped us, O God!"

Dear Lord, in the work we are doing in thy name we grow discouraged: the raising of money, the winning of girls, the entering into new places, the breaking down of prejudice, the holding fast to thy Name as our basis of inspiration—all tax our utmost strength, and we would have it so, for only thus may we attain the fulness of thy Presence. But let us see thy face with increasing clearness. Withdraw not Thyself from us, but lead us, guide us, cheer us, O Thou who livest and lovest us. *Amen.*

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WE praise Thee, O God, for our friends and fellow workers; for the touch of their hands and the brightness of their faces; for the cheer of their words and the outflow of good will that refreshes us.

Grant us the insight of love, that we may see them as Thou seest, not as frail mortals, but as radiant children of God, who have wrought patience out of tribulation and who bear in earthen vessels the treasures of thy grace.

May naught mar the joy of our fellowship here. May none remain lonely and hungry of heart among us. Let none go hence without the joy of new friendships. Give us more capacity for love and a richer consciousness of being loved. Overcome our coldness and reserve, that we may throw ajar the gates of our heart and keep open house this day.

Lift our human friendships to the level of spiritual companionship. May we realize Thee as the eternal bond of our unity. Shine upon us from the faces of thy servants, Thou all-pervading Beauty,

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that in loving them we may be praising Thee.
Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch

THOU, from whom our life has come, to whom it returns; Thou, Father of our spirit, accept our thanks this day for all we have come to know about Thee. Earth and sea and sky have been vocal with thy messages of power and of beauty; human beings around us have taught us much of thy tenderness; in the face of thy Son we have seen shining the love of thy perfect fatherhood. Our minds worship; our hearts adore. Life is filled with a new glory: help us to live it radiantly, until everything we touch shall be transfigured; until the ordinary and commonplace shall glow with sacred meaning, and the whole of life become a sacrament. Give us, O our Father, the vision of thy Presence through every hour of our days. Give us strength to bear, courage to stand, patience to wait. Help us to make the mind of Christ the standard of our actions, the cross of Christ the

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measure of our love, until through fellowship with Him our life reflects Thee truly. *Amen.*

Charlotte Adams

UR heavenly Father, may each one of us bring to this hour which we spend together, not only our mind, but our whole heart and soul. As on the way to Emmaus the hearts of the disciples burned within them as they talked, because Jesus was with them, so may we have such a sense of thy presence here with us that we waste no moment in purposeless talk; but may there be kindled in us an unquenchable thirst for Thee, an intense dissatisfaction with ourselves as we are, an ever-increasing sensitiveness to thy voice in our souls, an ever-stronger setting of our wills to choose always the right rather than the easy thing. And as we go out, may the inspiration which we have here caught be transmuted into our every word and thought and act; and so, "seeing Thee in common things, and showing Thee in common tasks," may each one of us become a more perfect instrument through

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which Thou mayest express Thyself and work thy will. For Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

Delia Lyman Porter

THY kingdom come, our Father, who art in heaven and on earth! The earth is thine, and we are thine. All that we have failed to be, as part of thy kingdom of love and eternal life, do Thou, we entreat Thee, blot out from thy remembrance, that we may turn with new hope to that which Thou canst make of us, as women working together in thy service, striving to win our sisters into the safety and joy of thy kingdom, in a fellowship of love wide as thy world. *Amen.*

Sarah Truslow Dickinson

GOD, who art Life, and Light, and Truth, and Love, and from whom alone throughout the ages these gifts have come to men, help us to see into the meaning of the way by which we have been led, and to discern with clearness the path that is set before us. We are women of many minds, alike in that we all are the work of thy hands, and that we seek gropingly to do thy will.

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As Thou hast called the generations from the beginning, so we believe that Thou hast called us, to do, in thy name, and through thy strength, work for thy kingdom on earth. We seek the new world, wherein dwelleth righteousness and glory and beauty, all disclosures of thine infinite love. Be with us as we enter into the days together, that whither Thou goest we may be ready to go. Help us to press forward to possess those new and great things that are part of the glory of our inheritance through thine only Son, our Lord. Give us faith that can remove mountains and love that can never fail.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations. From everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands. *Amen.*

Emma Bailey Speer

FATHER of lights, Giver of every good and perfect gift, we bring Thee grateful thanks for the open doors of opportunity that invite us to

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adventurous service; for our loyal friends; for the degree of success which by God's favor so far has attended our endeavors; for the pioneering spirit which still lives in us and bids us seek yet greater days ahead.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

UR Father God, we thank Thee. In the silence of our hearts we have looked up into thy face and found that Thou art loving; in the wonder of the hills, the waters, the sky, we have found that Thou art infinite; in the peoples of the world we have seen Thee working; in their cry of need we have heard Thee calling—for us.

And we now go out again to live among those who have not seen Thee here. In the chill of their indifference, in the fire of their mockings, in the shadowland of their unbelief, grant that we may hold fast. Keep our spirits broad awake. Help us to remember.

Thou hast not said that life depends upon how we feel. And for that we thank Thee. When feeling goes, help us to hold our wills steady, that we may live steadily for Thee.

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Give us each day to look into thy face. In laying hold of thy strength, help us to forget our weakness. In the quiet assurance of thy power, help us to go joyously about our business.

And whether Thou leadest us into the loneliness of the country, the seething of mighty cities, or to thy children across the seas; whether we walk by quiet waters or are thrust into the heat of battle; whether the road winds up into the sunlight or down into deep darkness, help us to remember that Thou, our Lord Christ, art there as Thou art here. And Thou art Light, and Life, and Love. *Amen.*

From a summer conference



GOD, who hast promised to be an everlasting Presence among men, graciously go with us and before us, that we may walk with Thee and be thy disciples. May thy spirit sink into us, broadening and unfolding our lives into larger proportions. Give us wider horizon and larger liberty. Make duty delightful and service freedom. Make shameful to us every act of sin; let the lure of evil fade from off it, and may the obedient and loyal

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spirit sway us like a passion. Grant us true fellowship with Jesus Christ, that we may be able to enter deeper and deeper into his life and spirit. *Amen.*

Samuel H. Howe

WE remember with reverent love our friends and fellow workers who rest from their labor and now behold Thee face to face. . . . May the life of our heroic dead still be a living force among us, through the characters they have moulded and through thy Holy Spirit, which binds in one the church militant and the church triumphant.

Amen.

Walter Rauschenbusch

WE remember today those our sisters who have met with us in times past, and "are now departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate."

Amen.

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HEAR us, our Father, as we pray that we may learn the secret of self-renunciation for the sake of others; that no mean ambitions, subtle selfishness or unworthy divisions may mar our days together, or check the free course of the Master's spirit; that we may be wholly given to the will of God, and may have the insight to understand it, the willingness to follow it, and the courage to pay the price for it.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

OUR Father, as we come to the parting, we humbly give Thee thanks. . . . We thank Thee for the real work accomplished, for the plans laid, . . . and we beseech Thee to set thy seal beneath what we have done, and make it valid.

We thank Thee for the quickening of old friendships, for new and fruitful contacts, and for the broadened understanding of our common work. . . . Make us worthy to bear thy message. May every word and act be the simple pulsing of a Christian heart.

We thank Thee for the voices that have interpreted thy will and summoned us to thy work. We

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praise Thee for hours of holy quiet in which we crossed the threshold of thy Presence and listened to the inner voice in the most holy place. Fix on the sensitive film of our spirits the image and splendor of Christ which shone upon us in the great moments.

And now . . . we feel our utter need of Thee, Thou great Companion of our souls. Be Thou the strength of our weakness, the wisdom of our foolishness, the triumph of our failures, the changeless unity in our changing days. Knowing the brevity of our years, help us to work resolutely while it is day. Shine upon us, Thou Sun of our life, even in the valley of the shadow, and may the song of faith never die in our hearts. We make our petition through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch

DEDICATIONS



THOU, with whom are infinite stores of wisdom and power,
Release in us wisdom to know thy plan, and power to accomplish it.

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Thou who didst sow the seed of truth,
Grant that the seed as sown by thy servants
Shall fall into hearts prepared by Thee.

Thou, Giver of all good gifts,
Grant us, as thy gift, and in thine own way,
A building which shall be

a house of friendliness and abundant life,
To the end that thy life may be made manifest
in the lives of girls and women. *Amen.*

Sarah S. Kirk

THAT Thou hast graciously hearkened to the desires of thy servants, and hast given unto us a building wherein to labor with unfaltering devotion for the welfare of thy children; that Thou hast set it as a beacon and a promise to all women who stretch out their hands in longing for thy greater gifts, we bless and magnify thy holy Name, Father eternal.

That Thou in thine infinite goodness hast been pleased to entrust us with a large task; hast bidden us lift up our eyes from afar and behold this land, which may be our heritage will we but enter in and

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possess it; that Thou hast thus shared with us thy vision of the young women of our country fulfilling all thy glorious laws in fullest radiance of life, we bless and magnify thy holy Name, Father eternal. *Amen.*

Author unknown

DEAR Lord and Father of mankind, wilt Thou bless this building to thy use? Bless the women who will work here. May they realize the privileges and the responsibility that are theirs. Lighten their burden and show them their opportunity. Bless the mothers and the fathers. Show them how they can so coöperate with their daughters that the home and the Association may be an unbroken influence for the moral and physical welfare of the girl. But especially we crave thy blessing for the girls themselves. May they be just and fair in their work and in their play. May the love of kindness fill their hearts and may they have that humility which denotes modesty and purity of mind. Let love and happiness reign here, we beseech Thee, O Lord. *Amen.*

Abby Aldrich Rockefeller

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A BUILDING is one of our unrecognized miracles. It comes to us out of the unseen. God and man build it together. The wood which forms its substance is a part of the life of great forests; the mind which sees its form fashions its visible structure out of invisible material; the hands which build its frame have the skill of creative workmanship; the life which it shelters crowns it with meaning and purpose. Great is the mystery of a building!

O Lord of light and life and love, Thou art the author and giver of all good things. We gratefully receive this building from those who, as stewards of thy bounty, have given it for the enrichment of life and for the increase of joy. For the generosity of those who gave it, we thank Thee. For the imagination of the mind that conceived it, we thank Thee. For the skill of the hands which fashioned it, we thank Thee.

Charlotte Adams

GOD, who hast drawn near to us in the human life of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and through Him hast taught us to find our

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holy places wherever we meet Thee and each other, sanctify with thy continual presence this house, which we now dedicate in thy name, to the uses for which it has been given. May it stand as a witness through the coming years to the reality of a deepening understanding of Him who by the Lake of Galilee taught men how to live and work and love, and to a growing experience of his living presence in our life today. *Amen.*

Charlotte Adams

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SPIRIT of love, in whom we lose ourselves as in a boundless ocean, in whom we find strength of resolve and renewal of spirit, in whom there is freedom of thought and daring of action, speak Thou to each one of us at the beginning of this new day, (made perfect by thy hills and skies and waters;) and as we open our lives to the influence of thy Spirit, may there crystallize within us new aims and purposes which will lead us on inevitably to the creation of a new and better world. In

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this, O God, thy kingdom upon earth, may this generation (~~of women~~) play a worthy part. *Amen.*

Katherine S. Gerwick

WHEN we consider thy heavens, O Lord, the work of thy fingers, the sun and moon and stars which Thou hast made, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou visitest him? Thou coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. Thou spreadest out the heavens as a curtain. Thou makest the clouds thy chariot, and ridest upon the wings of the wind. The heavens declare thy glory and the firmament showeth the work of thy hands. Day uttereth instruction unto day, and night showeth knowledge unto night. The voice of thy works goeth forth to the ends of the world.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for the wonder of his works! *Amen.*

Adapted from the Psalms

GOD, we thank Thee for this universe, our great home; for its vastness and its riches, and for the manifoldness of the life which teems

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upon it and of which we are part. We praise Thee for the arching sky and the blessed winds, for the driving clouds and the constellations on high. We praise Thee for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills, for the trees, and for the grass under our feet. We thank Thee for our senses, by which we can see the splendor of the morning, and hear the jubilant songs of love, and smell the breath of the springtime. Grant us, we pray Thee, a heart wide open to all this joy and beauty, and save our souls from being so steeped in care or so darkened by passion that we pass heedless and unseeing when even the thornbush by the wayside is aflame with the glory of God. *Amen.*

Walter Rauschenbusch

ETERNAL God, our Father, for all the loveliness of earth and that gladness of heart which summertime can bring, we give Thee thanks. Even while we tarry at our tasks in the crowded city we would praise Thee for all the wonderful life of summer, for the beauty spread upon the hills, for the flowers that fill the valleys with sweetness, and for the breezes that blow from the sea.

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Thou dost understand our need, not only of these thy seasonal blessings but of the true rest, which may be found in Thee alone. We pray Thee at this hour that, while all this light and warmth about us is calling us to rejoice, we may open our minds and hearts to all thy heavenly influences. Because Thou art the life that breathes in all the fair and sweet things which grow and bloom upon the earth, we ask that Thou wilt quicken us. As Thou art all beauty and goodness, we pray Thee to come and dwell within us, that henceforth our lives may be in accord with thy order and well-pleasing in thy sight. *Amen.*

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 FATHER of a Son who was a lover of little boats, whose rest was to go out upon the lake, whose teaching was of choice by the shore, we, here (where He would have loved to be), turn to Thee for his secrets of rest and re-creation. We also have been torn and tormented by the problems of the burdens and hardships of others, so that at times we too have scarce had time to sit down to

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eat. We have come apart awhile to get fresh courage and renewed balance, that we may see more clearly and be shown how to choose, among many demands and desires for service, that one or two in which each of us is best qualified to serve. From thy Son we would learn not to fret at being but one-man or one-woman power, seeing that whatever we do, little or much, if done in thy service and in thy Spirit, is God-power. Thus pray we, O Vacation-Giver.

Robert L. Dickinson

HERE, by the sea, this day, the strength of God pilot us, the power of God preserve us, the wisdom of God instruct us, the eye of God watch over us, the word of God give us sweet-talk, the hand of God defend us, the way of God guide us.

Christ be with us,

Christ before us,

Christ after us,

Christ in us.

Christ on our right hand,

Christ on our left hand,

Christ at our back.

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Christ in the heart of everyone to whom we speak,
Christ in the eye of everyone who looks upon us,
Christ in the ear of everyone who hears,

Here, by the sea, this day. *Amen.*

St. Patrick's Hymn

WE thank Thee, O Thou Maker and Giver of all things beautiful, for the glory and grace of the world; for the wonders of sea and sky; for the delight of the eye in color of marsh, and wave of grass-stem, and curl of breaker, and leap of foam; for the gladness in the call of a song sparrow; for the scent of thy sea; for the tonic touch of water and of air. Help us, O God, lest we forget, in any hour, whence these things come. Fill us with the gratitude that gives thanks, not in sentiment alone, but in living a life, large as thy sea, open and pure as thy sky, with grace in it, and growth. *Amen.*

Robert L. Dickinson

FATHER, we come to thank Thee for the beauty of this place; for the sunshine and the moonlight; for the green of the grass, for the blue

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of the sea and the white clouds; for the swallows and the sea-birds. We thank Thee, too, for the chance to bathe and climb and picnic in lovely places; for the purple of the mountains, and the red and gold of sunset, for beautiful flowers and cool breezes. And most of all for our friends. Father, we want Thee to know that we are grateful for these things, and that we do not forget other people who cannot share them: children who have no father or mother, boys and girls who have no home, men and women in dusty cities, the hard-working people of this country, the sick and those who do not know Jesus.

Help us to show our thanks and our love by thinking only what is kind, saying what is true, and doing what is honest and right. Give us strength to say No to all that is wrong or unkind. Forgive us, and help us to make others happy.

Thou wilt hear our prayer for Jesus' sake.

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(compiled from prayers brought in by the children)

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LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

AMERICA is a land of but one people, gathered from many countries. Some have come for love of freedom and some have sought opportunity. Whatever the cause that drew them, each has brought her gift. Irish lass and Scotch, English girl and Dutch, Italian, Greek and French, Negro, Spaniard, Slav, Norse and Teuton—all have come bearing gifts and have laid them on the Altar of America.

For all these gifts we thank Thee, Lord.

Some have brought their music.

For all these gifts we thank Thee, Lord.

Some have brought their poetry.

For all these gifts we thank Thee, Lord.

Some have brought their art.

For all these gifts we thank Thee, Lord.

Then each, too, has brought some homely thing, some touch of the familiar field or forest—a favorite tree or fruit, a flower from a well-remembered garden. And all brought hands with which

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to work; and all brought minds that could conceive both truth and beauty; and all brought hearts filled high with hope, stout hearts to drive live minds, live minds to guide strong hands.

For all these gifts we thank Thee, Lord.

LITANY OF REPENTANCE

LET us make our humble confession to Almighty God:

That we have set barriers between us and those who have come as strangers to our land; that we have failed to appreciate all the gifts that each has brought to the making of the spirit of America; that we have used the labor of their hands, the glory of their purpose, and the beauty of their spirit for selfishness and gain,

Forgive us, O Lord.

That we have followed after material success, seeking only place and power, blind to the value of spiritual things; that we have failed to use the heritage of America, born of the spirit of many races, for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God; that we have faltered and held back from the

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strange and unknown, from nations in sore need of help and love,

Forgive us, O Lord.

That we have said with our lips the words of our Master, yet have failed to let them speak in our hearts; that we have seen with our eyes how He loved men as brothers, yet have not followed his way of love; that we have forgotten the path of prayer as a way to the heart of the Father,

Forgive us, O Lord.

LITANY OF ASPIRATION

LIFT up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Where all men and women work for the joy of the task, and earn their daily bread in peace and confidence, with desire for the good of all,

To that fellowship of love, O Lord, may all nations attain.

Where all have time and opportunity to see the beauty of thy world, to find renewal of life and refreshment of spirit, and to follow after truth,

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To that fellowship of love, O Lord, may all nations attain.

Where the world is not divided by barriers of pride of race and class, where no man lives to himself, but all are neighbors in the City of God,

To that fellowship of love, O Lord, may all nations attain.

Where all men live in the light of the knowledge of the glory of the God and worship Him in spirit and in truth, as the one Lord and Father of us all,

To that fellowship of love, O Lord, may all nations attain.

In every nation there are those who are taking upon themselves the task of building this Jerusalem, this new world, yet the shining towers will not rise to their full height unless builded into them are the gifts of all nations, of all peoples. For its alabaster walls are needed the art, the labor, the poetry, the music and the spirit of all who have seen this vision. But only as the builders, touched by the spirit of Him who is the Father of all, bind themselves into a great brotherhood will this new world be built.

IN ABSENCE

We will work for that city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Amen.

*Adapted from the International
Vesper Service prepared by
Jean Paxton and Katherine S. Gerwick*

IN ABSENCE

 GOD, who art in every place and from whose knowledge no space or distance can ever remove us, may those of our friends who are absent from each other still be present with Thee. Defend, O Lord, those from whom we are separated, in all their dangers, both of soul and body, and grant that both they and we, by drawing nearer unto Thee, may be drawing nearer unto each other; bound together by the unseen chain of thy love, in the communion of thy Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of thy saints. That whether or not, according as it seemeth best to Thee, we meet together here on earth, we may surely meet again in the life to come, and go into that house of many mansions which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee. *Amen. Book of Offices*

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OUR loving Father, who considerest even the sparrow's fall, be with those we love, from whom we are parted. May we never doubt that they are safe in thy care, for we know whom we have believed, and are persuaded that Thou art able to keep those we have committed unto Thee. May we remember that with confidence they and we may go "with God over the sea," but "without Him, not over the threshold." This we ask in the name of Him who taught us that God is Love, and watches between them and us when we are absent, one from another. *Amen.*

Jean Dickinson

WE are far, O our Father, from the homes in which we were born, and many miles lie between us and dear familiar places. But Thou, Lord, art the Eternal Home of our spirits, and homesickness is, for us, impossible. Many whom we love are far distant from us, and our hearts reach out to them. But in the shelter of thine everlasting arms they are safe, and we are at peace. For with

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Thee is no near or far. And they, and we, are
thine.

Margaret Burton

 LORD, our heavenly Father, who art the Guide of them that journey, and the unwearying Guard of them that sojourn, we earnestly supplicate thy blessing in behalf of thy servants who are absent from us. Take them, we beseech Thee, under thy special protection. Be unto them a Helper in their setting out, a Solace by the way, a Shadow from the heat, a Covert from the storm, a Comfort and Support in weariness, and a Guardian against all danger. Direct them in the way of peace and prosperity, and give thy holy angels charge over them to keep them in all their ways, that, Thou being their Ruler and Guide, they may prosperously finish their journey, and return to their home in peace and safety. And finally, may it please Thee that we may all so pass through things temporal, as at length by thy mercy to attain unto the gate of everlasting life. All which we beg through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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IN SORROW.

 GOD, in whom we live and move and have our being; from whom our life has come and unto whom it returns; Thou Father of our spirits; to Thee we turn when the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Into thy hands we commend those who have passed beyond our mortal vision into the blessedness of thy closer fellowship, especially the one we remember before Thee today. . . .

And now, O Lord, awaken in us who once again face the mystery of life's end a new sense of its high adventure, and a deeper certainty of its triumphant consummation. Enable us to walk with firmer tread the road which lies ahead, knowing full well the companions of the way. Lift us, if it be for a moment, into the silence of the unseen, that we may gather strength for our conflicts and the peace that knows no fear. *Amen.*

Charlotte Adams

FOR MORNING

THOU hast visited us through the angel of death, taking from us the familiar face of one who belonged in our group, opening to her the gates of eternal life. May we see beyond the sorrow of this hour, into the glory that is beyond, that we may know Thou art the One whom we would see, the Father of all thy children, and that when we go out of this world it is to go home, to the welcome and love of our Father's house. We would go to Thee with clean hands and a pure heart. Cleanse us, we pray, from all that would make us afraid before Thee. Make us glad to think of the day that will bring thy message to us, also, to come home. *Amen.*

Francis Bourtilton

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FOR MORNING

ETERNAL God, who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life, since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving Thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of thy holy will, not

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waiting for tomorrow, but yielding today. Consecrate with thy presence the way our feet may go; and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity by a simple and steadfast reliance on thy sure will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that thy lost image may be traced again, and Thou mayest own us as at one with Him and Thee.

Amen.

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 GOD, who knowest that we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but that all our sufficiency is of Thee, assist us with thy grace in all the work which we are to undertake this week. Direct us in it by thy wisdom, support us by thy power, that doing our duty diligently, we may bring it to a good end, so that it may be profitable to our souls and tend to the greater glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Chain of Prayer

IN this hour of this day, fill us, O Lord, with thy mercy, that rejoicing throughout the whole day, we may take delight in thy praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Chain of Prayer

THOU, who art able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, send us forth this morning with a clean spirit and a joyful courage, and with strength sufficient for our needs. Let not the needful study and business of this life steal away our hearts from Thee. Sanctify both our thought and our work, that we begin an action only with pure intent, and continue it only with thy blessing. Help us to see a little into the heart of trouble, and to do something to uplift those who are discouraged or unhappy, or forgotten of their fellow men. To us Thou hast given this day in trust; may we return it to Thee in service. To do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with Thee, our God, or to go, this day, one step nearer thereto—this is our purpose. *Amen.*

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OUR constant appeal to Thee, our King, so works upon our personality as to make it possible for Thee to control our destinies to our fullest benefit, giving to our life of prayer that security which fellowship with Thee imparts. Thy unlooked-for succor rushes in to support us in moments of trial, handling our affairs according to thy large purpose, managing our concerns to our advantage. Make us skilled to hear the music of thy counsels. Thou rememberest what we have placed in thy hands, let us forget to be anxious. May we give service that is love translated into action, occupied in thy work without division of interests. Let us begin this day with a cheerful outlook, enter heaven and sojourn there in order to understand the meaning of life, and do the work that lies before us in the world. *Amen.*

Bishop Brent

PRESERVE us blameless, O Lord, in our goings out and comings in this day. Fill us with the simplicity of a divine purpose, that we may be inwardly at one with thy holy will, and

lifted above vain wishes of our own. Set free from every detaining desire or reluctance, may we heartily surrender all our powers to the work which Thou hast given us to do, rejoicing in any toil, and fainting under no hardness that may befall us as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Chain of Prayer

AS the day begins, I would lift up mine eyes unto the hills, and remember the Father who worketh even until now. O Thou, who art not a God of idleness but rather art the great Comrade of all men and women who toil for honest ends and noble causes, help me to do my work today. Help me to do it all, without shirking or complaining. Make me to begin on time with a cheerful heart and go through to the end with undiminished courage and good will. Preserve my ideals, keep my human contacts Christlike and unembittered, reveal to me along the way some new fragment of thy truth. And when the day is ended, take what I have tried to do and build it into thy coming kingdom, in mystic fellowship with all other weary but eager-

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hearted men and women who have sought to be not loafers or drifters in the world, but partners in creative toil, and sharers in the joy and labor of their Lord. *Amen.*

Albert W. Palmer

OUR loving Father, we have come into this house this morning from our work: work which is varied. We come, each from her own past—the home, the training, the traditions which have been hers. We bring with us, each her own present—its personal care, its failure, its easy success, or the plain and commonplace routine; its grief or its imagined troubles, its happiness or its substitute for happiness. May we be of one mind in one place this hour. We enter into thy Presence. May we have ears to hear, eyes to discern Thee, understanding hearts. Help us to realize thy nearness. We know that in measure as Thou dost dwell in us we make wherever we are a part of thy kingdom. Once again today we listen to the story of the planting of the seed, of the burying of the leaven, of the net which was thrown into the sea. As thy disciples of old received new faith and cour-

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age to carry on, so may we this day. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in this place and in our hearts, as it is in heaven, and this we ask in the hope of the coming of thy kingdom everywhere.

Amen.

Mabel Cratty

ETERNAL God, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendest us alternate mercies of the darkness and the day, there is no light but thine, without, within. As Thou liftest the curtain of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with thy morning upon our souls; quicken all our labor and our prayer; and though all else declines, let the noontide of thy grace and peace remain. May we walk, while it is yet day, in the steps of Him who, with fewest hours, finished thy divinest work—thy Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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GRANT us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain; that, reaching the eventide victorious

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over all temptation, we may praise Thee, the eternal God, who art blessed, and dost govern all things, world without end. *Amen.*

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BESTOW upon me, O God, that courage which Thou alone givest, that I may meet serenely whatever comes, and may never fail to think brave thoughts and do brave deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant me, O Lord, this day, the royalty of inward happiness, and the serenity which comes from living close to Thee. Daily renew in me the sense of joy, and let the eternal spirit of the Father dwell in my heart and body, filling every corner of my heart with light and grace, so that, bearing about with me the infection of a good courage, I may meet all ills and cross-accidents with gallant and high-hearted happiness, giving Thee thanks always for all things.

Prayers of the Kingdom

FOR EVENING

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LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thine only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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O LORD, support us all day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Book of Common Worship

WE beseech Thee, Lord, to behold us with favor, we who subsist under the covert of thy patience. Be patient still; suffer us yet a while longer, with our broken purposes of good, our idle

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endeavors against evil; suffer us a little while longer, and (if it may be) help us to do better. Bless to us our extraordinary mercies; if the day come when these must be taken, brace us to play the man under affliction. Be with our friends; be with ourselves; go with each of us to rest; if any awake, temper to them the dark hour of watching; and when the day returns, return to us, our Sun and Comforter, and call us up with morning faces and morning hearts, eager to labor, eager to be happy, if happiness be our portion; and if the day be marked for sorrow, strong to endure it. *Amen.*

Robert Louis Stevenson

 LORD, our God, who alone makest us to dwell in safety, refresh with quiet sleep this night those who are wearied with the labors of the day; and mercifully protect from harm all who put their trust in Thee; that, lying down in peace to take our rest, we may fear no evil, but confidently give ourselves into thy holy keeping; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

ALMIGHTY Father, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, we humbly pray Thee to watch over us this night with the eyes of thy mercy, and over all who are near and dear to us. Grant us quiet and refreshing sleep, such as may fit us for the duties of the morrow. Put far away from us all worldly cares and earthly fears, and give us holy thoughts of Thee, that we may repose in perfect peace on the everlasting arms of thy fatherly love, and whether we wake or sleep, may live together with Him who died and was buried and rose again for us, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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FOR THE NEW YEAR

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ETERNAL GOD, we pray that . . . our memories be eager to recall the way of thy providence. We have been led by thy grace to the close of the year. Thou hast brought us over many

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varied roads, in light and shadow, in health and in sickness, in success and in apparent defeat; thy care has never left us and thy love has never slept. Thou dost not leave thy children when the night suddenly falls upon them, and their way is hid. Thou dost not cast us away in the times of our weakness, when we can no longer serve Thee with strength. Thy companionship becomes more intimate in the days of adversity. Nor dost Thou leave us in our radiant noondays. In times when everything is prosperous and fair, Thou dost share our festival, and the joy of the Lord is our strength. We magnify thy Name for thy providential bounty. But more than all, we bless Thee for the fulfilment of thy promise to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Not one word has failed of all that Thou hast spoken to us in Him. We bow at the cross of our Saviour, and we surrender our lives to his service. Graciously hallow these closing days of the old year, and may we so use them that we can enter the New Year clothed in the glory of the Lord. *Amen.*

John Henry Jowett

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ETERNAL God, we bow before Thee as the children of grace and love. Thy mercy has brought us into the New Year. We thank Thee for the assurance that fills our souls that the New Year brings new mercies and new opportunities for service. . . . Let in the light as our eyes are able to bear it. Tell us some of the many things which are yet withholden because we are not able to bear them. May we exercise our senses in discernment, that so we may be led into the deeper secrets of thy truth. And wilt Thou graciously grant unto us new possibilities of service. May we light lamps on many a dark road. May we give help to many a tired pilgrim who is burdened by the greatness of the way. May we give cups of refreshment to those who are thirsty and faint. And may our own faith and hope restore the flickering light when courage is nearly spent. *Amen.* *John Henry Jowett*

FATHER, strong to save, cleanse us, we beseech Thee, from the stain of the years that are past. May light, not only of a new

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year but of a new era, dawn for the awakening of the world. Make this year better than former years, nobler in character and attainment, more perfect in the power of self-government, self-discipline, self-sacrifice. May we live the days as gifts from Thee, enjoyed in thy companionship, inspired by thy presence, and sweetened by thy love, in thy spirit.

Amen.

Sarah Truslow Dickinson

LORD of all new life,
We pray Thee for this new year of work and
life together,
That in it we may be renewed in thine own life,
And walk through it in thy companionship.
We thank Thee that Thou art never weary of setting us free from the bonds wherewith we have bound ourselves. Grant us, we pray Thee, to go forth into this unknown stretch of life without fear, or any kind of bondage.
We pray Thee for new freedom of spirit,
New zeal in thy service, new forgetfulness of ourselves,

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New power to forsake the lower path, and to climb
ever upward.

We pray Thee for new and deeper fellowship with
Thee,

For new discoveries of the strength granted those
who wait before Thee,

Of the wisdom given those who seek thy constant
guidance,

Of the quietness and confidence of those whose
trust is stayed on Thee.

Be with us as we enter into thy Presence, that our
spirits may be filled with a sense of thy shelter-
ing love, and all our energies quickened into
newness of life. *Amen.*

Margaret Burton (adapted)

 THOU, who art ever the same, grant us to
pass through the coming year with faithful
hearts, that we may be able in all things to please
thy loving eyes. *Amen.*

Mozarabic Liturgy

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FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

ADVENT

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our hearts to prepare the ways of thine only begotten Son; that by his advent we may be enabled to serve Thee with purified minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Gelasian Sacramentary

ALMIGHTY God, give us that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

Amen.

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CHRISTMAS

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 GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son, Jesus Christ, grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

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 GOD, who of thy compassion and tenderness towards the human race didst send thine only-begotten Son, that He might take upon Him our flesh and dwell amongst us, we desire to worship before the infinite greatness of thy love. Our hearts are filled with joy, our tongues with praise. O blessed Jesus, who as on this day wert born in Bethlehem, and didst lie a weak and helpless Child, whilst yet Thou wert the eternal Son of God, look upon us, we beseech Thee, and make us willing to be partakers of thy meekness and humility. O

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Thou who art the Prince of Peace, grant us that inward peace which Thou alone art able to bestow.

Amen.

Rev. Gordon Calthrop

GRACIOUS Father, wilt Thou guard us by thy Holy Spirit. May we keep the thought of Thyself present to us as our Father in Christ Jesus. Keep alive in us a spirit of love and meekness to all men. Deliver us from everything that narrows our affections and straitens our compassions. Give us larger thoughts of thy purposes concerning us. May our daily life be governed by the fulness of thy purpose. Especially wilt Thou help us through this Christmas season, so that in all our festivity we may glorify thy Name. May our joy be pure and undefiled. Let the light of thy fellowship fall upon our way, and may our Christmastide be full of Christ. Bless all little children. Let the grace of the Lord Jesus fill their lives, and in all the gladness of the season may they feel the friendship of the Lord. Hallow our memories, and may thy continued goodness fill us with thanksgiving. We

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pray that the bounties of thy love may become known far and wide during this sacred season, and may the bells of peace soon be heard ringing throughout the world. May all the gracious associations of Christmas hallow the minds of the nations, until all people shall come nearer together in common devotion to the Lord. *Amen.*

John Henry Jowett

 GOD and Father of Love, we praise and bless Thee that at this time Thou dost draw the hearts of thy children to Thyself through the manger-throne of Bethlehem. All men and women alike, of every race and century, are willing to put aside pride and enmity before a cradle. We thank Thee, therefore, for all the tenderness and gentleness and humility with which the story of our salvation begins. Bring, we beseech Thee, O most merciful Father, our hard and thankless hearts under the sway of the Christ Child; bring us in adoration and humility, with thankful hearts and submissive wills.

Teach us again that Thou hast chosen what is

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foolish in the world to shame the wise; that Thou hast chosen what is weak in the world to shame what is strong; that Thou hast chosen what is mean and despised in the world, things which are not, to put down things which are. Our hearts and minds and actions are far removed from the life of Him who knew the blessedness of the meek and the poor in spirit, the invincible power of sacrificial love, but at this Christmas time we would all become as little children, in simplicity and in joyful anticipation of the gifts Thou dost give, above all for the gift of thy Son. Prepare our hearts now to receive Him.

Father of all men, we pray for those to whom Christmas brings no joy: those who are overborne with care; those who know Thee not. Grant that their great need may lie upon our hearts, while we ourselves rejoice in Thee.

O Eternal God, Father Almighty, who at this time didst give thine only Son to be born of a woman and to be made the Son of man, that we might be made the sons of God, grant us to be indeed thy children, and be Thou, now and ever-

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more, our Father, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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ALmighty and everlasting God, who hast made known the Incarnation of thy Son by the bright shining of a star, which, when the Wise Men beheld, they presented costly gifts and adored thy Majesty, grant that the star of thy Righteousness may always shine into our hearts; and that, as our treasure, we may give ourselves and all we possess to thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gelasian Sacramentary

BLESSED Jesus, who by the shining of a star didst manifest Thyself to them that sought Thee, show thy heavenly light to us, and give us grace to follow until we find Thee; finding, to rejoice in Thee; and rejoicing, to present to Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, for thy service for evermore; for thine honor and glory. *Amen.*

E. Hawkins

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LENT

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves, keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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O LORD, who hast placed us in the midst of great and sore temptations and knowest that by reason of the frailty of our mortal nature we cannot always stand upright, save us from ourselves, make us ashamed of our carelessness and lukewarmness. Renew in us the grace of penitence. Call us to the sternness of self-discipline, that we may live in humility of spirit, in graciousness of act, and in strength of conviction; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* *Charlotte Adams*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create

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and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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ALMIGHTY God, Father everlasting, who hast set us in the fellowship of thy Son, Jesus Christ, be near to us in this time of meditation and communion; may our hearts be open to every holy affection, and ready to receive and cherish every sacred memory and serious impression.

Give us to know the power of that life and death which this season commemorates. Let a portion of the spirit which led our Saviour to the cross descend upon us, and fill our hearts with the love of God and man.

Here and now, may every selfish passion and desire be suppressed, that by the sorrows of repentance our souls may be purified; that by pain we may learn patience; and that by the peace of God which

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passeth understanding our thoughts may be kept and centered in Christ Jesus, our Lord. *Amen.*

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ALmighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life, we humbly beseech Thee that, as by thy special grace preparing us Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

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GRACIOUS Lord, who as at this time didst raise thy Son, Jesus Christ, with power from the grave, raise us up, we beseech Thee, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness. Revive our faith, and make us followers of Him who hath taken away the "sin of the world; who by his death

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hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath restored us to everlasting life." Hear us, O merciful Father, we pray Thee, for the sake of our risen Saviour, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Amen.

A Chain of Prayer

GOD, our Father in heaven, we consecrate ourselves anew to Thee, this Easter Day. Grant us loyalty to thy church, and gladness in thy service. Fill us with the spirit of reverence and humility, that we are permitted to sing thy praises. Keep us in the solemn and blessed remembrance that we are thy children, and in thy presence; and make us faithful in our duty, and worthier of thy love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

ALmighty and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the flame of thy love in the hearts of the saints, grant unto us the same faith and power;

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that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Q ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son, Christ our Lord, grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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GRACE AT TABLE

FATHER of all, God, all we have is of Thee.
Take our thanks, and teach us,
That we may learn to do thy will.

Lew Wallace

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GIVER of all gladness, freely we have received,
freely we would give; and chiefly we would
remember that he that cometh to Thee shall never
hunger, and he that believeth . . . shall never
thirst. *Amen.* *Robert L. Dickinson*

UNTO Him who, through the breaking of
bread, brought us close unto God, be glory
and honor now and for ever. *Amen.*

Henry S. Nash

CHRIST,
In thy Presence,
In thy Spirit,
We take bread,
We give thanks,
We break it,
We do this, as oft as we eat and drink,
In remembrance of Thee. *Robert L. Dickinson*

BE present at our table, Lord;
Be here, as everywhere, adored;
Thy children bless, and grant that we
May feast in Paradise with Thee.

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O LORD, relieve the wants of others,
And give us thankful hearts. *Amen.*
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BENEDICTIONS

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love
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Spirit be with us all, evermore. *Amen.*

LET the tender compassion of our God . . .
guide our feet into the way of peace. *Amen.*

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NOW unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

THE Lord bless us and keep us;
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The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and
give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

AND now, as we go forth, may our eyes be opened, according to his promise, to see the new heavens and the new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. *Amen.*

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MAY He who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, send us forth with hearts established by happiness. *Amen.*

MAY the God in whom you hope grant you perfect happiness in your faith, that you may be overflowing with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

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